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Two-day conference to focus on Latin America

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Senior staff writer

Scholars from around the country will gather on campus Oct. 17 and 18 when UNO hosts the 37th annual North Central Council of Latin Americanists Conference in the Milo Bail Student Center.

This is the first year that the conference will be held at UNO. The Office of Latino/Latin American Studies of the Great Plains sponsors it.

Maria Arbelaez, associate professor of history and Chicano/Latino studies at UNO, said the conference provides a platform of discussion and debate as well as support for professors and students in all kinds of collaborative work.

Several UNO faculty will serve as presenters for conference sessions.

This year's theme, "Latin America: Globalization and Transnational Communities," will include topics such as politics, race and ethnic studies, Latin American nationalism and literature, and transnational communities.

Arbelaez said the conference is beneficial for students to attend because they will "become much more aware of the atmosphere in which they live. They live in the Americas, and the Americas have become much more integrated than ever."

The conference includes a luncheon at noon Oct. 17 to discuss the future of the conference and find out what participants and students want. A banquet will be held at 6 p.m. that day.

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Belck addresses the effect of budget cuts on UNO at 2003 Fall Convocation

MARION RHODES

News editor

The budget reductions UNO had to face over the past two years have led the university to grow and emerge stronger and more focused than ever before, Chancellor Nancy Belck said during her annual state of the university address Thursday.

NU President L. Dennis Smith introduced Belck. She said that 95 years after its incorporation as the University of Omaha on Oct. 8, 1908, UNO has evolved into a metropolitan university of high distinction.

"I believe we are a metropolitan university...whose strength is found in the dedication of its faculty and staff; committed to students, academic excellence and community engagement."

Belck used the opportunity to thank all faculty, staff and students who helped the university deal with the complicated issues of the budget reductions by serving on task forces, working on subcommittees and helping with



photo by: Josh Williamson

Nancy Belck delivers convocation speech.

restructuring assignments.

"Your efforts have created efficiencies and economies that improve our overall operations, while continuing to serve students and keep academic excellence high," she said.

To accommodate the cuts, UNO has relied heavily on those who were involved in the suggestion process. The university ended up reducing administrative positions and divisions.

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Full house at human rights lecture

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As Americans, how do we find an appropriate balance between our right to be safe and our right to live as free people?

That question was the central theme of the fifth annual Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Lecture on Human Rights, delivered by William Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International.

Schulz presented his lecture, "Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Price of Human Rights" to a standing-room-only audience Oct. 7 in the William H. Thompson Alumni Center.

Schulz's lecture centered on the difficulty that arises when one or more of the rights listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights come into conflict with another.

For example, what if the U.S. government says that in some cases, it cannot release intelligence information on terrorism at a public trial because it might jeopardize

public safety? This, and related issues, has been the cause for many discussions in the recent past.

Schulz said that it is important to find a balance between national security and liberty.

"Being safe from terrorism is not just a nice idea, it is our right as human beings, every bit as important as all of the liberty rights also contained in the Universal Declaration," Schulz said.

He said human rights advocates have an obligation to work with the government instead of criticizing it. The government, on the other hand, needs to recognize that the protection of fundamental rights such as due process is a pathway to a safer world, he said.

"The government ... has not stopped to consider the full implication of the compromise of human rights," Schulz said. "And the human rights community has not provided an adequate strategy for fighting terrorism while still maintaining optimum respect for human rights."

He said it is important for the

United States to show respect for human lives because, "every time we violate rights here at home, we make it harder for moderate Muslims, to say nothing of our European allies, to stand with us."

Schulz said that he never thought he would see the day when foreign students studying in this country would be singled out for registration solely on the basis of their ethnicity. Or that the government would have the right to look into people's health, e-mail and library records without obtaining a subpoena. He was also surprised that it could create a list of people who are not allowed to fly and that American interrogators would be allowed to use torture.

He said of these occurrences that, "In the long run, they make not for a safer world, but a more frightening world."

The Goldstein Lecture is an annual lecture at UNO endowed by Shirley and Leonard Goldstein in an attempt to keep the Omaha community informed about human rights issues.

HOOP IT UP



photo by: Danielle Petersen

Krissy Jones, of Chi Omega, hula hoops for Make-A-Wish Wednesday.

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Fall Career Fair offers opportunities

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Copy editor

Are you looking for a job? Or are you trying to gain an idea of what future career opportunities Omaha has to offer? If so, mark your calendar for UNO's 2003 Fall Career Fair.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

The first 500 students at the fair can receive a free lunch, compliments of the Career Exploration and Outreach office. In addition, there will be a series of door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Over 60 organizations, such as Alegent Health, ConAgra Foods and many others, will be represented at the fair.

"The Career Fair will provide students the opportunity to learn about many local employers, the work they do, the positions they are looking to fill and what the future holds," said Bill Swanson, assistant to the vice chancellor in the Office of Career Exploration and Outreach.

Students who choose to attend the Career Fair will have the opportunity to visit with recruiters who are or will be seeking candidates for open positions. Students can also learn about the diverse employer base in the Omaha area and the many different types of firms that employ UNO graduates.

"It also allows students to begin a dialogue with employers and develop relationships with recruiters, Swanson said. "These relationships may assist students when they seek full-time employment upon graduation."

While students are at the fair, they will be able to create a profile and post a résumé using MonsterTRAK, the Web-based tool used to post job and internship positions for students.

As for bringing a résumé to the fair, Swanson said in some cases, having a



photo by Chris Machian

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résumé available at the fair is a good thing. But not all firms will accept résumés at that time.

"However, if they do, it is good to have a current résumé available," he said. "Other than that, students should come in proper attire and be prepared to learn about the possibilities that exist for employment in our community."

While the fair gives students a chance to interact with potential employers, students do not need to wear their "Sunday best." (Suit and tie, skirt and blouse) However, do not show up looking as if you just fell out of bed.

"Jeans, [bare] midriff tops, off the shoulder tops, camisole tops, etc. are usually not accepted business attire. Even in a casual environment," Swanson said.

It is recommended that students dress in business casual wear, which consists of polo shirts, slacks and other appropriate wear. Shirts and tops should also be tucked into pants to give a neat appearance.

Potential employers will look for

students who presents themselves well, can carry on a conversation and ask good questions about their organization. Information about positions available, opportunities for advancement, tuition assistance programs and other benefits that will assist the student in personal and professional growth will be available.

"They also look for individuals that have a positive attitude, appear organized and together and project an image of confidence without being arrogant," Swanson said.

For the most part, students have viewed past career fairs as being helpful, Swanson said.

"However, in today's job environments, students must realize that employers are looking for individuals who set themselves apart from the 'crowd,'" he said. "Therefore, I believe student expectations should increase and that they should see the importance of using the career fair as a vehicle to make contacts with employers and develop or expand their career-planning network."

Tips for dealing with the police

MARION RHODES

News editor

Do you know your rights? How about knowing how to handle the police if they do show up at your door? Here are some tips provided by the American Civil Liberties Union for dealing with the police:

- If the police ask to enter your home, you don't have to admit them unless they have a search warrant signed by a judge.

- In some emergency situations, such as when someone is screaming inside or the police are chasing someone, officers are allowed to enter and search your home without a warrant.

- Be polite and respectful. Never bad-mouth a police officer.

- Stay calm and in control of your

words, body language and emotions.

- Don't get into an argument with the police.

- Remember that anything you say or do can be used against you.

- Keep your hands where the police can see them.

- Don't run. Don't touch any police officer.

- Don't resist, even if you believe you are innocent.

- Don't complain on the scene or tell the police they're wrong or that you're going to file a complaint.

- Do not make any statements regarding the incident.

- If you are arrested, the police can search you and the area close by. If you are in a building, "close by" usually means just the room you are in.

- Ask for a lawyer immediately upon your arrest.

- Remember officers' badge and patrol car numbers.

- Write down everything you remember as soon as possible.

- Try to find witnesses and their names and phone numbers.

- If you are injured, take photographs of the injuries as soon as possible, but make sure you seek medical attention first.

- If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police department's internal affairs division or the civilian complaint board.

(Information provided by the American Civil Liberties Union)

Candidates ready for student government elections

MARION RHODES

News editor

Current Student Government President Joe Bilek will try to defend his title against Jono Croskey and Tom Centarri in next week's student

government elections.

Bilek, who has served as president for the past year, will run with Kane Miller as his vice president.

Croskey has chosen Kyle Gunn as his running mate in the election, which will be held Tuesday through

Wednesday. Centarri is running with Molly Miller.

The Gateway is sponsoring a platform debate with the presidential candidates at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Fireplace Lounge in the Student Center.

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A portion of Assistant Vice Chancellor Wade Robinson's quote was left out of the Oct. 7th issue of the Gateway. His quote in the article "UNO enrollment decline is biggest in NU system" should have read:

"We're definitely watching it," he said. "We're out making sure we have the presence in the community."

The risks of partying with minors: Underage drinkers jeopardize everyone at the party

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News editor

Last July, the president of UNO fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon at the time was sentenced to one year of probation, 40 hours of community service and a \$500 fine because police found 91 minors in possession of alcohol at one of the fraternity's parties.

This was a wake-up call for people who believed that partying with minors is no big deal. Cory Butler got away with a conviction for disturbing the peace instead of his initial charge of distributing alcohol to minors. But the lesson he learned sticks to this day: It doesn't matter if you are not the one who distributes the alcohol to a minor. In Butler's case, it was enough that he was there, and as president of the fraternity house, he had to face the consequences.

Most people have been at a party where underage drinking was present. What many don't know is that in case the police show up, everyone's head is on the line.

"Anyone who is old enough to drink legally who is partying with underage drinkers may face criminal penalties for contributing to the delinquency of a minor," said Amy Miller, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union in Nebraska. Miller said that often, legal drinkers are charged with providing alcohol to minors even if they did not procure the alcohol.

"Even if the older person can later prove they didn't buy the alcohol or encourage anyone to drink it, the process of proving that is long and expensive, and not always successful," she said.

The best way to avoid getting into undeserved trouble is to stay away from minors who are drinking. But in college, where students of all age groups are thrown together in classes and social groups, your circle of friends may be very diverse in age, and get-togethers likely will, too.

"Every time you gather and have a bunch of people at a party with alcohol, there's risk," said Shawn Cook, greek and leadership adviser with Student Organizations and Leadership Programs at UNO.

Staying away from underage drinkers, then, sounds easier than it is. After all, who wants to be a party-pooper and tell underage friends to put down the booze?

"It's not pleasant to contemplate jail while you're just trying to have a good time, but it's probably a good idea for people to have an idea of the risks they're running," Miller said.

Despite their popular image, enforced by occurrences such as the Sigma Phi Epsilon incident, fraternities are the forerunners in party-supervision. Due to national as well as university rules, their parties are highly regulated, and the members take great care that those rules are being followed, Cook said.

"All of us in the fraternities know the rules," said Lambda Chi Alpha's president Mark Slobotski. "As far as our chapter goes, they're pretty strongly enforced." That means every party has sober supervisors who check IDs and make sure people don't drink more than they are supposed to.

The risk of personal charges as well as group penalties such as losing drinking privileges completely, as happened to Sigma Phi Epsilon as a result of its underage bust, are simply not worth it, Slobotski said.

That doesn't mean some people won't break the rules, but

at least the fraternity members attempt to keep that from happening, he said.

But these rules don't only apply for fraternities and sororities. Miller stressed that regardless of whether it's occurring at a fraternity party or a private house, underage drinking is illegal. She said the only exception is if the parent or guardian of the minor has permitted alcohol consumption in association with a specific event, such as a religious ceremony.

"The wisest rule for an of-age person is to not be around underage drinking for fear of being caught up in the broadly-sweeping broom of the law," Miller said.

In case you do end up at a party where minors are drinking, it is important for you and the host to know your rights in case the police show up at your doorstep.

While the police can ask for permission to enter a home to search for wrongdoing at any time, the homeowner or party-thower does not have to say yes, Miller said.

"In fact, they should say no unless they want to deal with the consequences," she said. "If you consent to the search, you have waived your constitutional right to object to whatever evidence they may uncover."

If the homeowner or organizer doesn't consent to the search, the police need to get a warrant in order to be able to enter the party. However, in some cases, the police may begin to search anyway, Miller said. She said that at this point, you should never interfere or try to stop them because you run the risk of getting charged with interference with a police officer.

Instead, she said the best thing to do is to get badge numbers and names of the officers. Since the officers would have broken the law by searching without consent or a warrant, you should consult an attorney afterwards.



When cops show up, everyone's head is on the line.

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I don't smoke, but does second-hand count?

Coming from patriarchal culture and tradition of South Asian country to the individualistic nation of United States, one more thing that highly attracted my attention was the issue of smoking.

Smoking itself is not an strange issue. Nowhere in the world perhaps. Smoke, literally, is an emptiness, an outcome of fire that isn't a good aspect. The taste of smoke never made any sense to me. May be out of naïveté to consent its taste or the inability to find out its good flavor. Nevertheless, the curl of smoke has been always familiar to me.

My father smokes. I identify its smell with the very own affectionate smell of my father. "Yak" is a brand of Nepali cigarette, as popular as Marlboro here, which my father always used to smoke.

Learning about the impression of patriarchal culture, the shock came to me seeing the butt of cigarette in almost equal number of girl's hand as well as guys. That was an astounding sight for me. Personally, I never see any wrong in girls smoking cigarette if boys can, but it's just

Nepal to Nebraska



Shilu Neupane

the matter of perspective. I'm a person from different culture and background.

Regardless of sex, gender and ethnicity, there are billions of people in the world affected by smoking. About 4 million people die each year worldwide from tobacco related disease.

Tobacco kills each year. An amount that is more than drugs, murder, suicide and even road fatalities.

While the interesting fact is tobacco-

related diseases are 100 percent preventable, everyone knows it's not a good habit. I've seen almost every smoker detesting his or her own habit of smoking. But once you've started it just a habit that sticks with you and becomes quite hard sometimes even impossible to quit.

My father started smoking at the age of 11. Now he's 66. He smokes every single day.

The World Health Organization estimates that there are about 1.1 billion smokers in the world, which is about one-third of the global population age 15 and older. A report released by WHO stated that approximately 47 percent of men and 12 percent of women smoke in the world. In developing countries, 48 percent of men and 7 percent of women smoke. Compared to other countries where 42 percent of men and 24 percent of women smoke.

I feel bad when I see young people smoking outside the doors of college campuses. Every time I pass a trash can I notice that it is full of cigarette butts.

In the culture I came from, it's not unnatural for guys to smoke, but it's very atypical for women. No one sees women, let alone young girls smoking in public places. I myself became a smoker in order to take break from people that bother me. Sometime during my break time, I joke with my friends saying: "Okay! Let's go have a smoke. You guys smoke cigarette, and I'll smoke the smoke the air."

People don't always realize that second-hand smokers are also affected by people's tobacco habits. Second-hand smoke kills approximately 53,000 nationwide each year, the WHO report stated. People don't have to buy or spend much money on packs of cigarettes, but they have to pay out a lot of money on doctor's bills from the affects of lung cancer and other diseases.

If I write to my family back home that I smoke, they will be fairly shocked because no girl in my family has ever smoked. Even though it's second-hand smoke, I still believe that I smoke. I breathe in places where people smoke.

Slow down and enjoy life

KEN McNICKLE

Columnist

Ask yourself if this sounds familiar. You wake up, hurry to get to work or school, hurry to get home, hurry to get through dinner. If that's not bad, then you're hurried all night to accomplish everything that you feel you should get done before. You allow yourself just a little bit of time to go to sleep because you worried about all the other things you have to get done for the following day.

This seems to be the script for many peoples lives nowadays. As a society we tend to be rushed, hurrying through everything we do.

Not to my surprise, we are a country with higher levels of depression, exhaustion and stress related problems. Many people go through each day of their lives, hurried, worried and in the end exhausted. College especially can be a rough time for many young adults. Worrying about classes, grades, scholarships, work, friends and relationships can be at times too much to handle for most people.

In my experiences though life, I've seen many people burn out due to not being able to cope with the pressures and stress of everyday life. Not only does stress affect you mentally but it can tear you down physically and emotionally as well. Loss of appetite, troubles sleeping, increased irritability and exhaustion can all be brought on by stress. The greater your levels of stress the worse these problems can become.

My first words of advice are SLOW DOWN. The old phrase, "stop and smell the roses," is becoming more and more relevant in our world today. Many of life's small wonders are passed by because we're either too busy to notice or too involved with other things to care.

I'd like everyone to ask themselves when was the last time you took a deep breath, slowed down and focused on some of the simpler things in life that matter just as much as everything else. Can you recall the last time you sat outside by yourself and just absorbed nature in all its simplicity.

Watching the sun set, listening to the sounds of a rain storm or just enjoying the tranquility of night are all natures way of telling you to slow down and remember there is much more to this world than what we normally worry about.

We all are each just a minute part of this

Something to think about



Ken McNickle

world and we should all pay more attention to the everything around us.

For most it seems impossible to find time to relax and to just let yourself go but I can promise you its more than worthy your time. Try listening to your favorite CD all the way through, hearing every song and singing along when the urge hits you regardless of whether others like it or not. Hop in your car and just drive, no destination in mind, just go. Take a walk at night with a close friend and talk about life, what you want from it and where you hope yours goes. Call an old friend and catch up on their life as well as letting them know how you've been, I guarantee they'll want to know.

Especially in the last few years, I've realized that it is most important to live life to the fullest experiencing as many things as you can along the way. Sometimes there's more to be seen and experienced by slowing down, relaxing and just absorbing life and everything around you. Learning to appreciate the smaller things in life will help you to appreciate the bigger things that much more.

So I ask you to stop and smell the roses. Look around you and try to realize just how awesome life and the world around you can be if you let it.

Focus at times solely on the present, not worrying about the future or dwelling on the past. Enjoying life as it is this very moment, you'll experience much more of our world, which I know will help lead you to an incredibly fuller life. You only have one time around in this crazy place so make the most of everything.

I hope you all enjoy my columns and hopefully they'll continue to reach more people throughout the campus.

A glimpse of the lighter side of statistics

One particular thing about statistics is that we need to get at least 30 "observations" before we can even think about checking them out. This is to decide if we should go ahead and run the test or make any meaningful statistical inferences from them. That is the cardinal rule. If we have far less than 30 observations, it would be meaningless to draw any conclusions from them, generally so social scientists would simply refuse to even take a look at the data. Given limited observations, we just brush them aside, rather than make any meaningless, useless, or even misleading inferences from them. We move on to other, hopefully more interesting things (where we can get more than 30 observations).

But in certain fields, brushing data aside is not an academic luxury that can be afforded. One of my college statistics professors enjoys telling us stories about some teaching faculty from medical schools constantly coming over to seek his advice on statistical matters relating to some experimental medicine that they are doing. These are cutting edge procedures that insurance companies are definitely not yet willing to pay for.

Patients need to sign their consent for the procedures, simply because the risks are too high and there have not been many patients who have gone through it before. In other words, the success and failure records of the procedure are still mixed, and with the small number of "experiments" (though patients don't like to be thought of such, it's still a fact that these are experiments carried out on

Making sense



Tin Mak

them, in the quest to improve medicine), the jury's still out on whether these are good procedures suitable for recommendation to the patient. However, for some who are dying or are in a physically desperate state, they may want to consider taking the risk. And what do they use to make their decisions? The limited data. Collected from the few "experiments" done so far. In other words, as many a doctor-researcher-professor exclaims, "Even if we only have six observations, we still need to draw conclusions from them for my next dying patient!" In other words, a *little* information is better than *none*.

When we try to get a glimpse or get an idea of a representative of something, we usually ask for the "typical" of that thing (called "central tendency" by the profession, variously "norm" and perhaps incorrectly "average" by many others). But there are three major kinds of "averages" that people use. We need to be aware of which ones are being discussed in order not to be taken in. For example, average income. Are we talking about the

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"min" income, which is total sum of income, divided by the number in the labor force (or the population, depending on whatever base you are using). Or are we talking about "median" income—the income per person that has close to half of the people falling below it and another half above it. Or are we talking about the "mode"—which is the income level that is obtained by the most number of workers. Personally, I prefer to use "min" income, which is, again, simply total income in the society divided by the number of people. But bear in mind that this can sometimes be a misleading indication to the "typical" or "average" income, as proven by the city of Los Angeles. At certain points in time, the city of angels actually saw a whopping 90 percent of its people earning less than the city's "average" income! (This happened because the top 10 percent of earners in that city were earning half of the city's total income, and the other 90 percent of the Los Angeles people were earning the other half.)

One misunderstanding I find particularly amusing about statistics is that of the difference between a mere correlation and a causal relationship. Believe me, a lot of people misunderstand these two, and think they are one and the same thing! For a hypothetical example, some medical researchers will rightly report in a prestigious, *refereed* medical journal that they have found a high correlation between eating a certain fruit or vegetable (let's call it lychee) and low rates of cancer. The way they report their high correlation of findings is sufficiently and appropriately professional. However, when it's reported in the media—especially those in less-developed countries where the journalists are hired right out of high school, rather than from journalism schools—oftentimes they get misinterpreted. When I was working in Asia, I came across many news reports of this type that carry headings such as: "Lychees Found to Lower Cancer." Sometimes the editors' excitement went overboard: "Lychees Found to Cure Cancer." (I am *not* making these up!) Sad to say, this total misunderstanding of and confusion with correlations and causal relationships are not limited to untrained journalists from the other side of the globe. They are commonly found and heard in our society here, sometimes even among students right in the middle of a university campus!

The old Soviet Union government used to be quick in responding to the first signs of outbreaks of diseases. Upon hearing of or detecting something was going on somewhere in some rural area, they responded fast. They sent in the medical doctors from the central government. Unlike the poor, under appreciated comrades, these professionals were all in their proper medical uniforms and carried their expensive trade wares. No doubt they were fast, but too bad they weren't as effective with containing the outbreak. So no matter how hard they tried upon arriving at the affected villages or districts, epidemics soon followed. After seeing or hearing about these uniformed medical doctors from the central government coming into villages and invariably some epidemic ensuing, the Russian villagers incorrectly thought that these doctors from the city brought the diseases!

It has been a long time since the human race began to use fingerprints for identification and in criminal investigations. Many still do not fully understand the limitation of fingerprints. In some crime scenes, even when traces of fingerprints can be found and collected, they are only partial prints. It may be surprising to some, but even when full fingerprints are found and collected, we still can't pigeonhole the fingerprint to one single individual (assuming that *all* of our fingerprints are in the government computer database, which is a huge stretch of imagination in this country) with 100percent certainty that he or she is the one who left those fingerprints there. More surprising still, the modern-day DNA test is not one of 100percent certainty either. Even with perfect samples of fingerprints or DNA collected, our law enforcement people can only be confident at a certain level. There was one case in a big American city where the court carefully considered DNA samples and convicted a suspect under trial. The level of confidence for that DNA case was one in a million. Which, to the layman, basically means that the probability that the DNA sample pointed to the suspect while he was actually innocent was only one in a million. Which led many a student of statistics in that city to think: "But we have several million people in the city!"

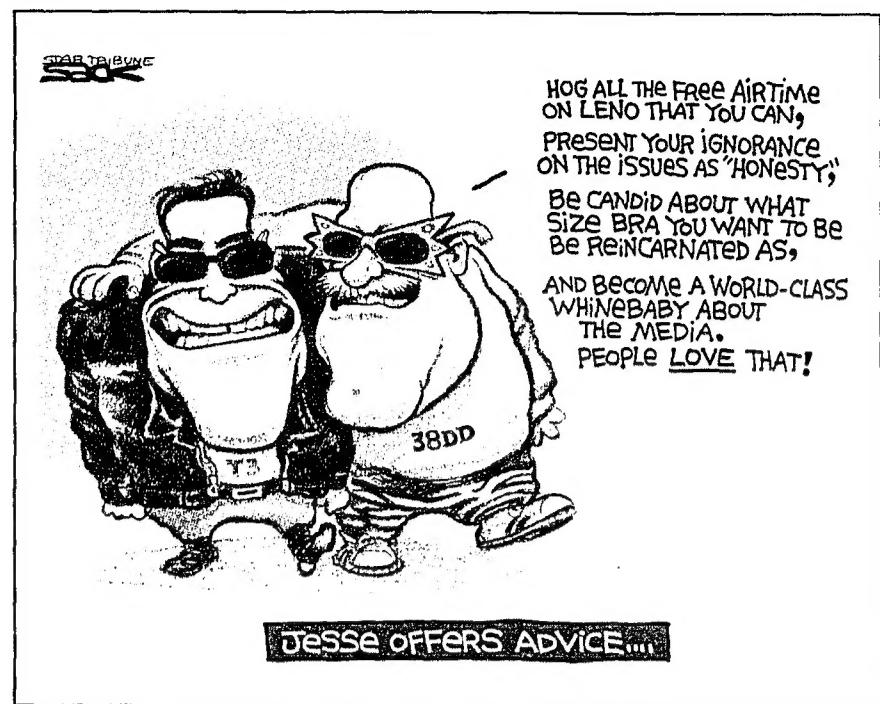
(Those who have *not* taken *any* statistics course before may want to skip the next paragraph)

Another statistically funny story that I can't forget is yet another one told by my college statistics instructor. He said he was once doing his Ph.D. in statistics at some college, and there was a fellow student who couldn't find any topic of interest, with significance, or economically meaningful. So he randomly came up with an idea and told his dissertation advisor he wanted to find factors that are correlated with the thing that he thought should be his topic (for simplicity let's call it Y). So he randomly thought up 100 factors in society that may *actually* correlated with Y. He went ahead and ran the tests. Guess what? Eureka! He rushed to his faculty advisor's office saying that he found *some* factors highly correlated with Y. The professor asked, "How many?" The student said "Three." Then the professor asked, "What's your confidence interval/level?" The Ph.D. Candidate (student) said, "Significant at the 95percent confidence level."

The student was still very excited by his new "findings" until the professor shot back, "At 95percent confidence level, on average, you should have found five factors that are correlated with Y, *even* with all 100 of them having *nothing* to do with Y!" (More on this next week when we dissect the statistical games played by the Big Tobacco.)

No matter how much we deny it, no matter how much we want to avoid it, statistics are all around us, and they are here to stay. H.G. Wells once said, "Statistical thinking will one day be as necessary for efficient citizenship as the ability to read and write."

That day has long since arrived. We could truly improve our understanding of the world around us and be financially, emotionally and spiritually better off if we learn and pay attention to some of the most basic ideas about statistics.



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Are you tough enough? — Life as a non-trad

KAREN EAKINS

Staff writer

They're everywhere.

UNO counts 24 percent of them in its student body. Creighton University has 10 percent, Metropolitan Community College clocks in at 59 percent and Bellevue University boasts a whopping 70 percent.

Who are they?

Non-traditional students, also known as adult learners or "non-trads." Thirty-nine percent of the student population nationwide is over the age of 25, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Many of those people are already pursuing a career, and they sometimes have a family as well. Non-trads often walk a tightrope, balancing work demands, family responsibilities and an academic load.

Why do they bother?

The answer to that question varies. Some re-enter the academic life purely for personal enrichment, while others find themselves thrown back into the academic world because of a divorce or career transition. But the reason cited most often for going back to school is career advancement.



"Non-trads" going back to school.

Don Lutz, 42, a 2000 Bellevue University graduate, finished his bachelor's degree in

business shortly before he retired from the military and rejoined the civilian workforce.

"As I was getting ready to retire and starting to talk to people, they just assumed you had a degree," Lutz said. "The economy is more demanding of people being able to prove their educational abilities."

In an age when career changes and layoffs are prevalent, many have discovered that an advanced degree can give them an added edge.

"I don't think school so much prepares you, but it shows you're capable of learning," Lutz said.

People are going back to school in droves. College enrollment for non-traditional students is projected to climb from 6 million in 2000 to 6.7 million in 2012, an increase of 12 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

However, handling the obstacles of re-entering the continuing education stream isn't easy. Financial considerations are obviously figured into the situation. While tuition assistance has improved for

non-trads, many financial programs are targeted towards the traditional student.

Many scholarships or grant programs are age-restricted or have full-credit load or financial need requirements. Loans or personal income often become the only means non-trads have for paying for their schooling. This puts extra pressure on them and their families.

Time concerns are also considered. Furthermore, professors don't cut non-trads any slack.

"The assignments and everything, even for the evening students, I found were still geared around the day students who didn't have jobs," said Deb Boehne, 33, who earned her bachelor's degree in geography in 2002 at UNO. "I found there were very few professors who I felt actually knew we had other lives."

Although they sometimes may be tough on non-trads, many professors enjoy having them in their classrooms because they're more mature and have life experience. Non-trads are known to be more determined, motivated and goal-oriented than traditional students.

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Local south Omahan continues to help the Latino community through her work

VALERIE CUTSHALL

Staff writer

Cindy Gonzalez, a journalist and UNO alumna, believes her position allows her to work closely with minority communities.

Gonzalez is a reporter at the Omaha World-Herald. She covers news on the immigration and minority affairs.

Even though Gonzalez is amongst a handful of minority reporters at the newspaper, she said she enjoys working minority coverage.

"I am interested in the issues that effect that community," Gonzalez said. "I couldn't think of any other beat I would rather be covering."

Gonzalez grew up in south Omaha and was the daughter of six children. She went to St. Patrick's Grade School and later attended Pope Paul VI High School, which was located near downtown Omaha. Gonzalez attended a small school and the student body was a mix of different ethnic groups.

"Back then the demographics of the



photo by Josh Williamson

Cindy Gonzalez works in her cubicle in the Omaha World-Herald newsroom. She reports immigration and minority affairs.

area was very different," she said. "There were very few Latinos that went to her high

school. Now the Latino community has grown."

Both of Gonzalez' parents are bilingual. But because English was the dominate language in the community she and her siblings spoke English as their primary language. Growing up Gonzalez celebrated the Latino culture and holidays with her family. Even though Gonzalez didn't speak Spanish, she was had strong roots in her culture through the traditions her family celebrated.

Gonzalez graduated high school in 1980 and attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She received a degree in journalism and a second consideration in Spanish. She also participated in the Hispanic Student Organization, wrote for the Gateway, worked at the campus radio station, KFAB, and was a Goodrich Program scholar.

Gonzalez said the Goodrich program that has influenced her college career.

"It was the gateway for the students of color. No matter if you were African-

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Charla series kicks off at UNO

RAE LICARI

Features editor

The Charla series at UNO for the 2003-04 year kicks off Oct. 20 with a presentation on Cuba-United States relations from Roderico Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, a researcher in Cuba at the University of Havana, will present "Cuba-U.S. Relations: A View From the Island" at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center of Greater Omaha, located at 115 So. 49th Ave. Gonzalez will also discuss issues on the quality of life in Cuba and the United States and development of community grassroots organizations.

The Charla series, named after the Spanish word for "chat" or "conversation," is sponsored by the Office of Latino and Latin American Studies at UNO, along with the College of Public Affairs and Community Service and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

The Oct. 20 event is free and open to the public. Call 554-4978 for more information.

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"I love having them in my classroom," said Hugh Reilly, a communications professor at UNO. "They offer a different perspective from 20-year-olds. They tend to be very serious about their education because they waited this long to get it."

Many students also stress that family support is critical. Lutz said some non-trads he shared classes with didn't have the family support he had. He said some couples don't see it as a priority in their lives, but "that's where you have to be."

Not only is family support vital, camaraderie with other students is a helpful bonus. This can be a difficult proposition for non-trads because younger and older students sometimes approach academics in different ways.

However, Reilly said he sees more interaction in his classes, claiming non-traditionalists often become mentors to the younger students. While it is sometimes difficult to find a common meeting ground, working to find it can pay big benefits for both sides.

In the long run, non-trads who have taken the plunge consider it worth the time, money and effort. Lutz advised non-trads to take it one step at a time, even one class a semester. "Go. Period. Don't look at it, 'Oh my God, it's going to take me four or five years.' Just take a class and after a while, you'll be there."

"And start slow. Worry about the classes you're going to struggle with after you get into a pattern of study, and you've got your schedule down better."

In the end, it may be worth facing down the fear of failure, going into debt and re-learning good study habits. The U.S. Department of Labor says the median annual income for an employee with a high school diploma is \$26,000. With an associate's degree, it jumps to \$31,000. Make it a bachelor's degree and now it's \$47,000 per year.

Not only do holders of bachelor's degrees earn nearly double what workers with a high school diploma do, those with only the high school diploma are twice as likely to be unemployed than a person holding a bachelor's degree.

Money talks.

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American, Hispanic or Asian or otherwise it was a great place to meet new people," said Gonzalez. "I made a lot of close friends in the Goodrich program. Some of whom I still keep in contact with on a regular basis."

Before her senior year in college, Gonzalez worked as an intern for the Omaha World-Herald. She wrote general assignments about local events in the community. After she graduated from UNO, she studied for three months at a language school in Mexico. There she studied Spanish for common use through a program offered at UNO.

Gonzalez felt the extra Spanish lessons would help her chances of getting a job after college. She was right. After she graduated in 1985, Gonzalez was offered a reporting position at the Omaha World-Herald. She reported on religion and social services issues.

Gonzalez advises young Latinos to improve or keep up on their bilingual skills. She encourages Latinos to become as multi-cultural as they can and work in a field they care about.

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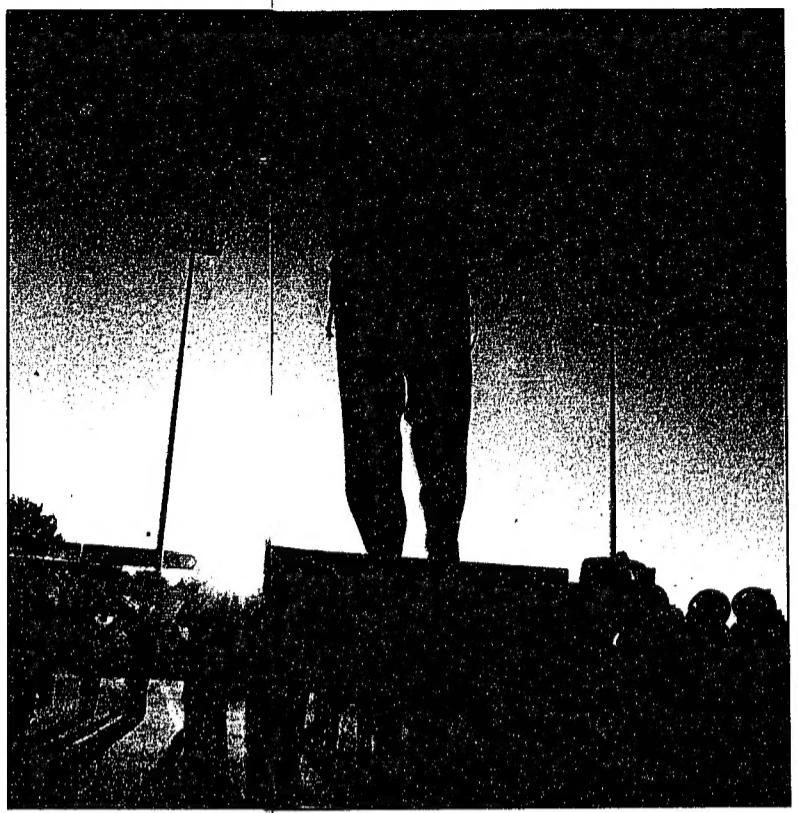
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Jeremy Stober looks over towards game action, waiting for the band's turn.

"Spirit of the Heartland"

The Marching Mavs have entertained UNO for years. With 108 students, the Marching Mavs are one of the largest student organizations on campus. Take a look at the marching band through the lens of *Gateway* photographer Chris Machian. Also be sure to check out our slideshow online with more photos at www.unogateway.com.

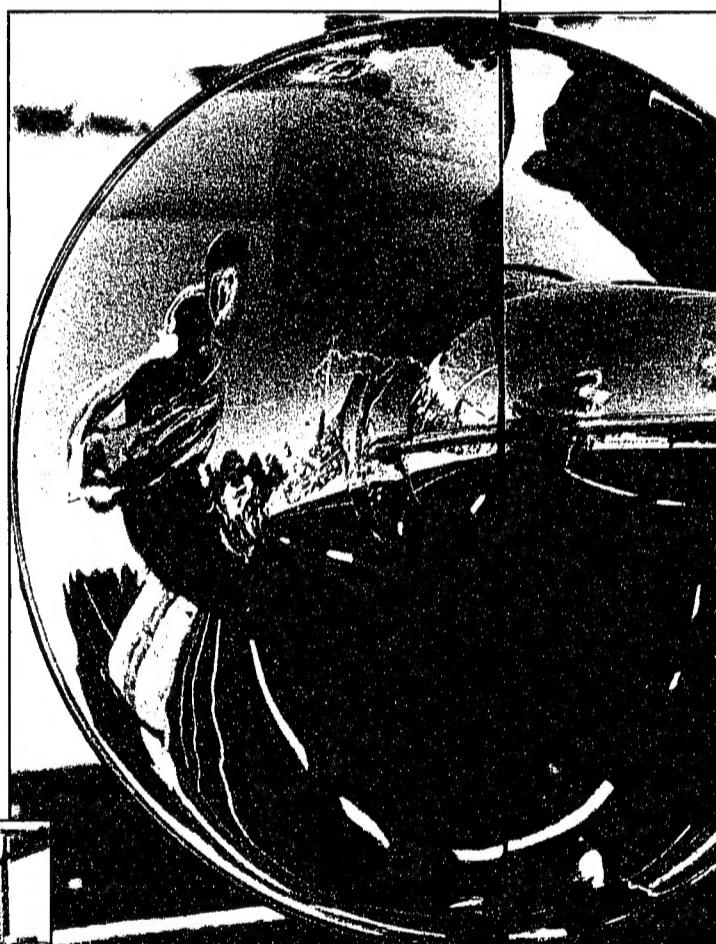


Erica J. Neidlinger, director of the Marching Mavericks, leads the band during an early morning practice. Typical practices start at 7:30 a.m.

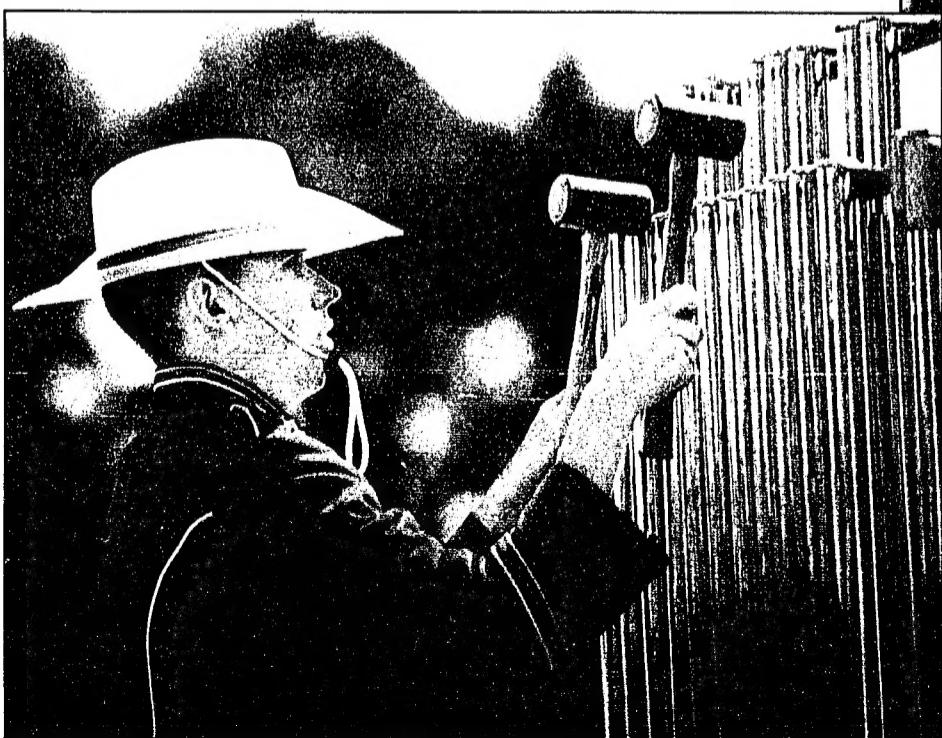


Above, Kenya Earles (right) dances with Katie Portera of the dance team during the half-time performance of the marching band.

Right, Nick Squire plays the chimes during a football game.

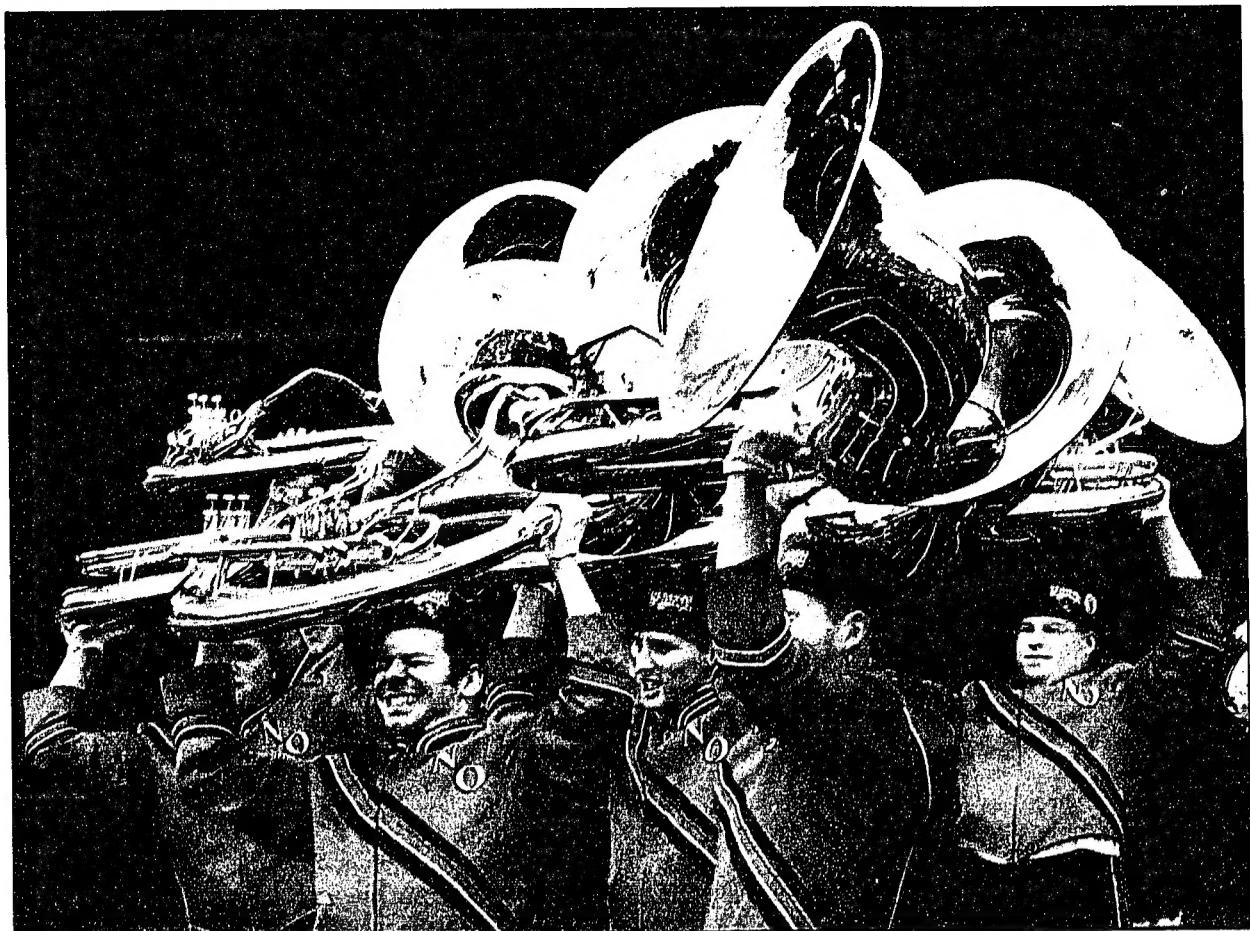


Above, reflections of the band on a tuba resting on the ground.





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From left: Chris Bucher, John Broderick, Eric Fuller, Kenneth Kopperud, Elliot Erikson of the tuba section do tuba push-ups for each point the Mav football team scores. During the first two games, the football team had scored 62 and 52 points.



Reflections of the band on a tuba resting on a stand.



Above, (from left) Mike Devlin, Ryan Skong and Mike Johnson march from Strauss to the football field before the start of a game.

Left, Jules DeSalvo, along with Liz Hegdahl takes a moment to rest during practice.

MTV2 Headbangers Ball features rock's best



JESSICA RIAL

Staff writer

MTV2 and Roadrunner Records released their first ever compilation disc this week. Featuring 40 tracks on two discs, *MTV2 Headbangers Ball* features some of rock and metal's biggest names, as well as showcasing some of the scene's up and coming stars.

Disc one dedicates its space to such established artists as Godsmack, Deftones, Rob Zombie, Marilyn Manson, and Staind. While disc two introduces listeners to the vaguely familiar, such as Cradle of Filth, Poison The Well, and In Flames.

As a warning to the consumer, sudden changes in emotion may occur after consuming large portions of this compilation. It should be listened to only in the most loving environments to protect the listener from exploring any sudden urges to injure his fellow man.

Created for those who prefer their music loud, dark, and angry, this disc is not recommended for everyone.

Though the featured artists are bound by their metal-rock genre, several distinctions can be made from track to track.

This compilation explores everything from melodic singing over synthesized beats, as in Marilyn Manson's "This Is The New Sh*t," to angst-filled screaming over powerful riffs, as in Static X's "Destroy All."

The MTV2 Headbangers Ball tour which features Killswitch Engage, Lamb of God, and Shadows Fall, runs from Oct. 29 to Dec. 3. It brings the energy of this disc to audiences throughout the United States and parts of Canada.

Local fans' best chances at catching the tour are on Nov. 6 at the Vic Theatre in Chicago, and on Nov. 11 at the Ogden Theatre in Denver.

Miller's Crucible opens at UNO

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It's another award-winning production for the UNO Theatre Department.

Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* opened Thursday night at UNO.

The play is set in Salem, Mass., during the infamous witch trials. It emphasizes how society can overreact to certain accusations and end up making things worse than they actually are.

It features John Proctor (Vincent Carlson), his wife Elizabeth Proctor (Rebekah Johnson) and Reverend Hale (Adam Scarpello).

Assistant Director Bethany Felts said that the story has a lot to do with patterns and that the specific setting of the play is not only a historical reference, but also allows the viewer to interpret the actions of the characters in modern day and other historical situations.

The concept for *The Crucible* came to Miller mainly because of the role he played during the era of McCarthyism and blacklisting. Miller's name was dragged through the mud because Elia Kazan turned him into the communist hunters, led by Joe McCarthy in the early half of the 20th century.

Felts also talked about how the purpose of the play is how people try to find answers, leading them to a grand hysteria and ruining other people's lives. The themes of the Salem witch trials and McCarthyism can also be seen in today's society with the war on terrorism. People have gone to widespread panic and are giving up rights to the government in order to protect themselves.

Make-up and hair designer Erin Bragg did an amazing job of transforming the actors into the characters. Bragg had to transform several 20-somethings into much older characters. The most drastic of all is a 70-year old woman. Once the makeup was applied, even friends and cast members were befuddled.

Steven L. Williams conquered set design once again with a magnificent set.



photo by Josh Williamson

Reverend Parris (Nick Zadina) tries to wake his daughter Betty (Laura McQueen), who is believed to be under a witch's curse.

This brought the audience into the play and literally made the audience a part of the performance. During the course of the show, the audience resembles a jury or those present at a secret meeting. Many of the actors are seeing the main stage for the first time as Felts pointed out.

"We were looking for people [who could] show us the humanity of the play," said Felts. "We were looking for actors that were able to be directed and could

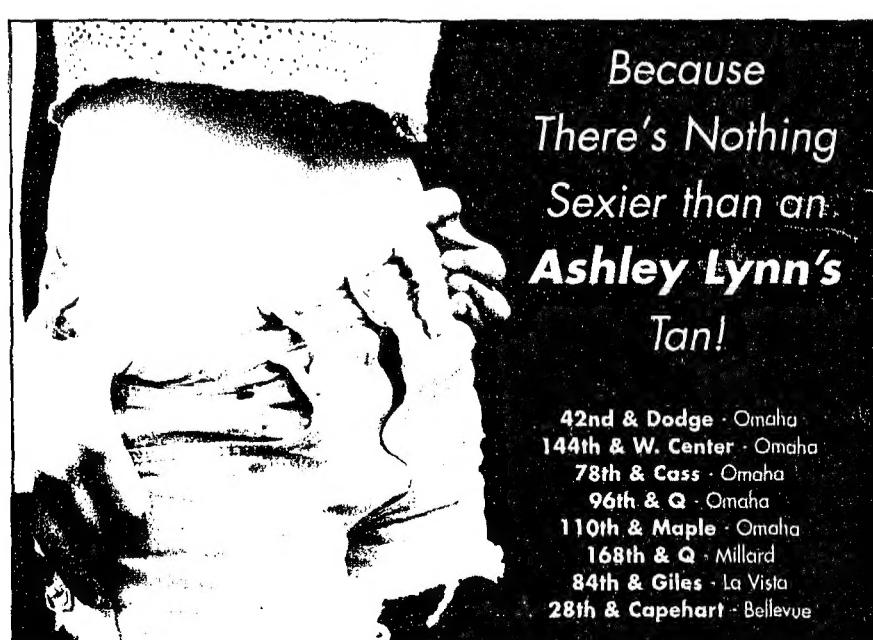
work together."

Veteran to the limelight, Carlson described his character as "A little passion, a hint of intensity, a heavy dose of vulnerability and a cool layer of anger."

Carlson also said that Proctor, "Has sins like everyone else, but I think the end of the play rides on his redemption."

"It's a dramatic story based on

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It's HIP-HOP and it don't stop: The latest news in the industry...

LEIA BAEZ

Entertainment editor

~Diva **Beyoncé Knowles** isn't only at the top of the Billboard Charts these days. The "Independent Woman" announced plans to add designer to her list of credits. Knowles will launch two collections next year. The first sets of threads will be more "funky and hip-hop" and run toward T-shirts and jeans, while the other line will feature swankier dresses and separates.

Knowles' mother, Tina, will act as her design collaborator. Knowles' mother is also her stylist and author of *Destiny's Style: Bootylicious Fashion, Beauty and Lifestyle Secrets From Destiny's Child*.

~Producer **Sean P. Diddy Combs** is being sued again. Kirk Burrowes, a former business associate, filed a lawsuit against Combs, which alleges that Combs had his hand in the murders of rivals in the rap industry, Tupac Shakur and Suge Knight's chief bodyguard, Big Jake.

~**Rappers make history.** For the first time in the Billboard's chart history, the top ten songs in the country are all by African-American artists. With the exception of the No.1 song, Beyoncé's "Baby Boy" which features Sean Paul, the other songs are by rappers. The charts reflect hip-hop's acceptance into all facets of mainstream culture.

SOURCES: www.rapindustry.com, www.netmusiccountdown.com and www.eonline.com



Beyoncé Knowles performs "Oye Como Va" with Santana for Super Bowl XXXVII.

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- **Down for Whatever** by Vue
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UNO Defense maturing to spotlight role

BRIAN BRASHAW

Sports editor

For the first few games of the season, the UNO football defense was surviving life support by making big plays, big interceptions, big fumbles and game breaking plays. Now the defense is getting down right glutinous on the big play.

Not only that, but teams are no longer so bold about marching on the "D" before coughing up the ball. Now they aren't going anywhere and are still coughing up the ball.

The defense allowed 630 rushing yards its first three games, and have only allowed only 244 in the three games since. But it has been the amount of turnovers generated that have been the driving force behind the big play defense. UNO has eight interceptions and has caused 14 fumbles in six games so far this season. Not to mention the four blocked punts on special teams.

"Turnovers are a key to any game," said UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns. "Our defense

does a good job [of] ball-hogging. There's always a determining factor in the game, and that's turnover margin."

This all leads to short field for a offense that has been dangerous all year anyway, scoring exactly 40 points per game.

"We're a good defense right now," Behrns said. "I think if we just keep plugging away, we'll get better every week. I have no disappointment in our defense right now."

The twin package of Taiwo and Kenny Onatolu lead the defense. The two middle linebackers have combined for 106 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and five sacks. Four different defensive cover men have interceptions, including Milan Gross-Rhode with three.

True tests will come. UNO will be traveling a Craig Bohl-led North Dakota State squad next week. St. Cloud State and their vicious passing game are still on the schedule. UNO still has a tough road, but surely everything seems to be clicking right now.

Luke Ridder and Ronnie Alexander tackle a SDSU player from last Saturday's game.



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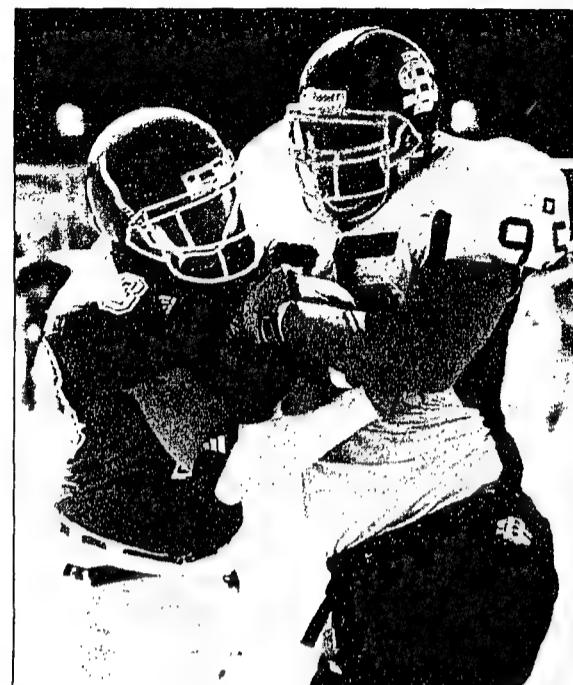
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Milan Gross-Rhode tries to strip the ball from a SDSU player during last Saturday's game.

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Mav harriers second at pre-regionals

PAUL FREELEND

Senior staff writer

UNO's cross country team got an early preview of its regional competition Oct. 4 and came away with a second-place finish.

Des Campbell paced the Mavericks with her fifth-place finish at the NCAA Pre-Regional meet, hosted by Wayne State. As a team, the Mavs had 73 points and finished 28 points behind eventual winners South Dakota.

Maverick Head Coach Tim Hendricks said injuries hampered his team's performance.

"We didn't run real well, but we ran well enough to get second," Hendricks said. "We need to have our fifth runner up closer to our top four. Our fourth runner really didn't have a good day either. Some knee problems kept her from being eighth or nine places higher and our

fifth runner is also having some leg problems."

Campbell was fifth, finishing in 23:13.72, and was closely followed by Molly Miller in seventh (23:18.33) and Kellie Ryan in eighth (23:20.52). North Dakota State's Melinda Zirbel took first place overall in a time of 22:31.97.

Sarah Zeisler was 18th for the Mavericks, finishing in 23:59.45. The remainder of UNO's runners, however, finished in a bunch with times over 25 minutes. Allison Gorman, Tinissia Leguiwello and DeAnna Bailey finished 38th, 39th and 40th, respectively.

North Dakota State was third in the team standings with 80 points while North Dakota and Minnesota-Duluth tied for fourth with 83 points. The University of Nebraska-Kearney was sixth with 129 points and Wayne State

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Maverick Sports Schedule:

Hockey - UNO hosts the Maverick Stampede this weekend at the Qwest Center. Minnesota will play Maine, a rematch of the 2003 national championship game Friday at 5 p.m. UNO will play Wisconsin that night at 8 p.m. The two losing teams will play at 5 p.m. Saturday and the winners will play at 8 p.m. Saturday. Student tickets are \$5.

Volleyball - Volleyball is at home in conference action this weekend. They will play Augustana Friday at 7 p.m. and at 6 p.m. Saturday. Both games

are on campus at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Students are admitted free with ID.

Soccer - The UNO soccer team is also home this weekend and in conference action. They will play Minnesota State - Mankato Saturday at 1 p.m. and St. Cloud State Sunday at 1 p.m. Students are admitted free with ID.

Football - Football is on the road for conference at North Dakota State. The game starts at 1 p.m. Saturday and can be heard on the radio at 1290 AM.

Swimming & Diving - The team will hold their annual intra-squad meet Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation pool.

Qwest Center Omaha: The city's new crown jewel

BRIAN BRASHAW

Sports editor

Clean, modern lines accentuate the exterior. Inside, the industrial colors, the grays and the metals beamed to its congregation the style and work ethic it took to erect the \$291 million chapel. The arena is like nothing this city has ever seen — a 14,700 capacity monstrosity that leaves you in awe. Quite simply, it's the Civic on steroids.

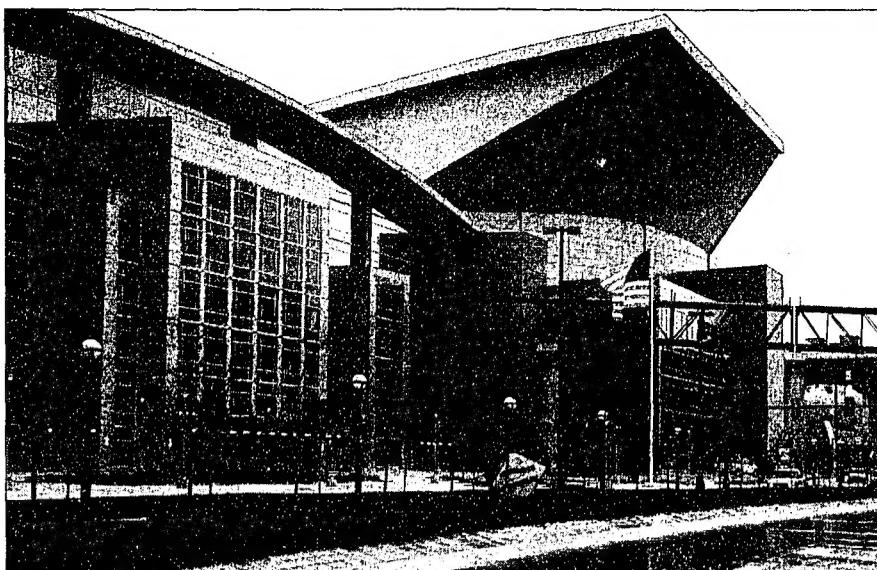
"What an amazing facility, not only for the Mavericks, but for the city of Omaha," said Manitoba Coach Mike Sirant. "They should be proud of having a place like this. The vision that Omaha has not only for the convention but for the area around it, it's great to have that vision."

And don't think the city won't exploit the place for what it is — a marketing magnet. The stylish architecture and city's efforts to rebuild a once run-down northern downtown district will attract marquee events of all kinds.

One act will remain a staple of the Center — Maverick hockey.

On Oct. 5, nearly 10,000 strong flocked to this majestic Mecca of hockey's heartland to see their Mavericks in a new light — the spotlight. On the million dollar jumbo screen hovering above center ice, the fans watched as the Mavericks walked through the tunnel. The music blared and emotions soared. A new era had dawned for the UNO hockey program — the Qwest era.

"Anytime you walk into a building like that, you are wowed by the amenities, the glitz, the glitter," said UNO Head Coach Mike Kemp. "I think it will take a long time for all of us to get used to the fact that it's new, ultra-modern and very high tech, and we haven't had anything like that. It doesn't always seem like its little old Omaha."



We haven't had time to build any memories like the play-in with Bowling Green (March 14, 2000) and the longest game in Maverick history against Ohio State (March 11, 2001) to go to the Joe."

Some things didn't change at the Oct. 5 exhibition with Manitoba. When the Mavericks got their first goal, Fishman still tossed his trout onto the ice; a "tradition" started last year. The old "section 96" crew from the Civic — game-in/game-out, the loudest section at the Aud — made their new home in the third deck, section 213. The crew was still the loudest section in the new building.

"Those people are the cornerstones," Kemp said. "You have to have those people, they are so valuable, it's really immeasurable."

The fans will also have to get used to the feeling of a new barn. After the first game, the reviews posted on the Maverick hockey fan site, Maypuck.com were mixed. Most said it was a glorious place, but that it may be too big and didn't have the same "homey" feel

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The stylish architecture of the Qwest arena will attract events of all kinds. The UNO hockey team played its first game Oct. 5.

The arena had a strange opening however. After news crews showed the citizens what a pristine palace this was going to be, organizers at the Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority called for a few dozen tons of dirt to be dumped right onto the arena floor. This was the layout for the opening event, the River City Roundup, the annual rodeo and agriculture exposition.

How fitting that Omaha even opened a new place showcasing its roots.

Now that hockey season has come, the Mavericks have the challenge in front of them to make the Qwest Center home. Kemp said that after playing at the Civic Auditorium for the first six years of the program's history, the transition might take some time.

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UNO soccer team finds positives, even in defeat

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

Defeat may have befallen the Maverick soccer team for the first time since the 2002 Division II championship, but Saturday's loss at North Dakota was not without its silver lining.

Meghan Pile saw her first action of the season after being diagnosed with stress fractures in her legs. Pile, who was named 2002 North Central Conference freshman of the year and All-NCC first-teamer, played all 90 minutes in the Mavs' 2-0 loss to North Dakota and most of her team's 4-0 win over North Dakota State.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said Pile still needs time to get fully match-fit.

"[Pile] played quite a bit," Klosterman

said. "She played the whole game on Saturday and all but the last 15 minutes on Sunday. There's a little bit of rust there and she knows she needs time. We just have to bite the bullet and get her in there. It'll probably be a couple more weeks before the Pile we know will be back."

UNO's loss dropped the Mavs from top spot in the national rankings to 11th while North Dakota vaulted from 19th to sixth. The Mavericks also dropped from first to second behind UND in the unofficial regional rankings. The NCAA keeps their own official regional rankings, though, and Klosterman said he felt his side was still in a good position to make the postseason.

"I don't think our standing changed very much," Klosterman said. "We're still in good shape. The NCAA tournament looks at some

different criteria than the conference does and our strength of schedule is still a bit better than North Dakota's. We told the team, however, that we can't afford to slip up any more. We have to take care of business from here on out."

Coming into the North Dakota road swing, the normally potent Maverick offense had been sluggish. UNO scraped out a 1-0 win at Division I Drake before playing then-No. 3 Metro State to a scoreless draw.

Klosterman said the pressure was starting to tell on his team.

"We were at a point where we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win," Klosterman said. "That started to show in our offensive production in the last couple of games. On Sunday, though, we just came out and played and that's what you're supposed to do."

UNO (10-1-1) hosts perennial rival Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday and St. Cloud State on Sunday. MSM (8-4) got off to a slow start, but they recovered and carry a No. 5 regional ranking into the match. SCSU is 6-4-2 and they are ranked ninth in the region.

Klosterman said his team was well aware that MSM, eliminated from the postseason by UNO two years running, would be geared up for Saturday's match.

"There's no more pressure on this game than there was before," Klosterman said. "We know Mankato has had this game circled since last year. For us, I think the pressure might be off a bit. Our team has started fighting a bit more and they're aware of the fragility of an unbeaten record and the top spot. Losing that game might benefit us in the long run."

Back to back for Mavericks

J. PARKER ADAIR

Senior staff writer

While many UNO students were in Omaha traveling back in time for homecoming and attending a football game, a few other Maverick elite athletes took on the field at the North Central Conference golf tournament.

Junior Tanis Hastmann won by the most narrow of margins in ousting Minnesota State-Mankato's Kady Steele by one stroke following her four day total of 221 including a two-over final round on the competition in the three-day 54-hole tournament.

As a team, the Mavericks edged out MSU once again, this time by 12 strokes (919-931). Other leaders for the Mavericks include Stephanie Oster, whose 227 saw her join Hastmann as an All-NCC selection. Oster shot a 78 on day three, giving her a tie for fifth.

Amanda Stock beat out Oster on the final day with a 76 and a 231 for a top 10 finish. The finish also earned her a spot on the All-NCC second team.

The awards show did not end there for the Mavericks as first-year coach Tim Nelson brought home Coach of the Year honors from the Westward Ho Country Club in Sioux Falls,

S.D.

Under Nelson's schooling, the Mavericks shot 308-305-306, the best first round, second round, third round and overall scores.

Perhaps the most impressive event of the weekend came from the Canadian born Hastmann. Hastmann, who grew up in Winnipeg, Man., won the tournament despite suffering from a sprained ankle.

UNO will now have bragging rights until May 4-5, 2004 when they next tee it up in the North Regional, held at the Mankato Golf Club in Minnesota.

The Championships will be held at the Division II Spring Festival in Orlando, Florida, May 11-14, 2004.

The Mavericks are currently ranked first in the North Region, but that does not guarantee them a spot in nationals yet.

Individuals and teams are selected upon complete review of five criteria: Head-to-head competition, results versus common opponent, scoring average, strength of schedule, and spring results in comparison with fall results. The top half of each region, along with the top three individuals not with a team, is selected for regional competition.

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that the Civic did.

The six straight years of sellouts at the 8,314-capacity Civic are most likely over, but as Kemp points out, there were nearly 10,000 at the exhibition and he realistically expects about an 11,000 average on the year.

"There's a reality to where we're at. The reality is 11,000 with 3,000 empty seats will be better for the athletic department. I mean there are a lot of NHL teams that average 11,000 people. We have moved forward to another

era."

UNO and the fans will surely grow into the Qwest. Especially that first time the Mavericks host a playoff game (however far that may be away) and 14,000 pack it in to see it, and they blow the roof off the Qwest like they did the Civic. It will truly be a marvel to watch in an arena that is a pleasure to be in. A new era has certainly dawned and the Mavericks need to collect a few jewels to place in that crown. When they have accomplished something to be as proud of as the arena itself, then it will feel like home.

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rounded out the field in seventh with 195 points.

Hendricks said he was pleased with his team's performance alongside nationally ranked opposition.

"We did manage to beat nationally-

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historic events. "It's relevant to issues today with mass hysteria, paranoia and panic in direct response to McCarthyism," Carlson said.

"It's a pretty strict facade of legalism. When you go deep enough, you can find

ranked NDSU and UND," Hendricks said. "USD is currently ranked seventh. We should still be in the hunt both in the NCC and the NCAA regional meet."

UNO will return to action on Oct. 18 as they travel to Fargo, N.D., for the North Central Conference championships.

humanity in even the most villainized of people."

The play, directed by Meishia Edwards as part of her graduate thesis, runs Oct. 9 through 11 and Oct. 15 through 18. For reservations and ticket information, call 554-2335.

of the past two years," Belck said.

Other developments Belck highlighted were improved technology across campus, such as the establishment of wireless networking areas in all major campus buildings.

She said UNO continues to have an active relationship with the metropolitan community, which marks the fulfillment of the third goal set by the administration. New partnerships between colleges and area businesses as well as an increase in Service Learning community projects are all part of the university's active community involvement, she said.

Belck also expressed pride over the successes of various athletic teams over the past years. She said the "blockbuster year" for the Mavericks played an important role in igniting community support.

The chancellor said that is wasn't simply UNO's destiny to become "a metropolitan university of distinction" and that 95 years of progress cannot be defined and measured in terms of luck or fate.

She said the dedication of the faculty, the commitment of the staff, the loyalty of alumni and benefactors and the intellectual spirit and perseverance of students all should get credit for making UNO into what it is today. "I believe we are a metropolitan university which faces adversity, yet will emerge a stronger, more focused institution."

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instructional and support lines, academic support services, faculty development, athletics and business and finance services.

The College of Fine Arts, the Communication department and University Radio/Television are still exploring how to create a new college incorporating these units, and the Colleges of Business Administration and Information Science and Technology are also developing new alliances, Belck said.

To date, about \$800,000 in savings from administrative streamlining went toward base budget reductions, Belck said. Other changes include the newly aligned Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, the alignment of on-campus Student Employment with Human Resources and the creation of a Career Exploration and Outreach Office.

"These activities can be better coordinated through a central point of contact within the university, for both students and potential employers," Belck said.

Three overarching strategic goals would guide the university in 2003, Belck said. They were a strong focus on students, promotion of academic excellence and engagement with the community.

The university has made tremendous progress toward achieving these goals over the past six years, she said.

Delivery-site enrollment and credit hour production has increased since 1998 and

stabilized this year around 15,000 students. To manage enrollments, the university had to impose a firm Aug. 1 application deadline for incoming freshmen and limited the number of students admitted under the university's "Admit-By-Review" policy.

These harsher admission requirements, along with improved advising and mentoring, led to an increase in the overall freshmen retention rate, Belck said. The number of full-time students retained fall to fall jumped from 56 percent in 1995 to over 73 percent this year, she said.

UNO also increasingly attracts better-prepared students, as indicated by an all-time high in average ACT scores this fall and rises in the high school grade point average of incoming freshmen.

The number of students enrolled in the Honors Program is at a record high for the sixth year, Belck said.

UNO is also experiencing a shift in demographics, with an increase in traditional students. Belck said that ten years ago, 57 percent of UNO students were enrolled full-time, compared to 73 percent this fall. During that same time period, the average age of UNO students has decreased from 26 to 23.

Belck also expressed pride over the improvement of the university's graduation rate over the past six years. In 2003, 36.4 percent of UNO students received their degrees, which corresponds to the national average of metropolitan universities. In 1997, 22 percent of

UNO students went through graduation.

With the opening of Scott Village this fall, UNO has become home to 1,200 students in three complexes, Belck said. Only six years ago, "residential housing was a dream," she said.

In its effort to promote academic excellence, UNO has achieved recognition for a number of artistic and departmental programs.

Among other programs, Belck cited the university's strengthening relationships with sibling universities around the world, highlighted by the UNO Jazz Ensemble's successful Baltic tour this year, as an important achievement.

During the past year, UNO was especially successful in attracting external funding, Belck said. Funds went to support the College of Arts and Sciences, the History Department, Chicano-Latino Studies, the Nebraska NASA Space Grant and EPSCoR research initiative in the Aviation Institute, and the College of Information Science and Technology.

Belck also said several new additions to UNO's academic program offerings deserve accolades. Information Technology now has a Ph.D. program, Native American Studies was established as a minor, a Technical Certification certificate was established and still awaiting board approval are the introduction of a joint UNO/UNK Master of Fine Arts in Writing and a bachelor's program in Latino/Latin American Studies.

"These accomplishments are particularly noteworthy when we consider the budget cuts

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Mav-Rec IM Sports

7x7 Football Top Ten

- 1) Boondock Saints (4-0) vs. #6 The Replacements, 10/12
- 2) Pike A (4-0) vs. #7 Sig Ep, 10/8
- 3) Grapplers (4-0) vs. Bellevue Bonecrushers, 10/8
- 4) BRB (4-0) vs. #5 Boulevard, 10/12
- 5) Boulevard (4-0) vs. #4 BRB, 10/12
- 6) The Replacements (1-0) vs. #1 Boondock Saints, 10/12
- 7) Sig Ep (3-1) vs. #2 Pike A, 10/8
- 8) M.X.C. (2-2) vs. #10 Buttermilk Biscuits, 10/12
- 9) Untouchables (2-2) vs. The Dirty Seven, 10/12
- 10) Buttermilk Biscuits (2-2) vs. #8 M.X.C., 10/12

Boondock Saints, despite the forfeit win are still by far the best intramural team at UNO, perhaps also in the Midwest. They will receive their best test of the season when they meet #6 **The Replacements**, which will come into the contest undefeated as well. #2 **Pike A** will take on #7 **Sig Ep A** on Wednesday, October 10th at 10 pm on Canglia Field. The expected attendance is 559 spectators. This is always one of the top events each year for the intramural program. **BRB** wins by forfeit but might need some WD-40 next week with the week off when they meet #5 **Boulevard**. The winner of this round will receive a first round bye in the playoffs. #8 **M.X.C.** is slowly but surely climbing up the rankings once again. Can we remind you that when we think **M.X.C.** we think sleeper. They have a pivotal game for their playoff run against the **Buttermilk Biscuits** this Sunday. **Untouchables** crack the top ten for the first time in their history. They take on **The Dirty Seven** to determine who will get a higher seed for the playoffs. Look for the playoff schedules in the Gateway next week and as you walk into the HPER building

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Beauty tips for the season

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Why does every woman hate winter?

Because it wreaks havoc on our hair. In the winter, our hair has a mind of its own. Here are a few tips from hair stylist Shannon Stickman from Studio M, 405 N. 155th St., on how to combat some of the most common winter problems.

Dry hair: In the winter, the humidity in the air is less than in the summer. Because of the lower humidity, the moisture in the air does not penetrate the hair shaft.

The fix: Using a humidifier will replace the moisture in the air to help moisturize the hair. In addition, increasing your intake of Omega 3 fish oils will help moisture your hair and build strength. The best treatment for dry hair is Tigi Cat Walk Oatmeal and Honey Treatment Shampoo, found at professional salons. Another remedy includes a deep reconditioning treatment at a professional salon, which can put moisture back into the hair.

Static electricity: Static is a huge problem during the winter because the air is much drier and therefore over dries the hair.

The fix: When using hair products prior to blow-drying, make sure to start at the scalp and distribute the product to the end of the hair. Tigi Bed Head After Party, or Shine Junkie are products that help reduce static in hair. Also, try not to manipulate the hair too much and reduce the amount of alcohol based hair products you use. A helpful quick tip, keep a dryer sheet in your pocket and rub over hair to take the static out of the hair. Do not use too much hair spray.

What to stay away from: You should change your hair regimen in the winter. Try to reduce the amount of hair spray, mousse and alcohol-based products you use. Try to wash your hair every other day instead of everyday to use your hair's natural oils for moisture.

For more information contact Studio M at 402-933-1533.



Emily Koller gets ready for her first day on the job at Clark Consulting, a health care consulting firm in downtown Minneapolis.

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